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1. Three airfields were located near KALININ (35°55'E, 56°52'N)

a. A large airfield, about 10,000 x 8,600 feet, was southwest of the town, north of the road to STARITSYA (54°56'N, 56°31'N). It had two perpendicular runways, one of which was about 2,500 x 82 feet, and one hangar. Barracks buildings were located in a woods northeast of the airfield. There was a bomb dump at the western corner of the field. † There was intensive flying by day and night. About two hundred aircraft, mostly twin-engine, were parked along the field borders. Large-scale formation flying was not observed. Source watched the fatal crash on 20 March 1949 of a jet-propelled, 2-man aircraft in the center of the town. KALININ

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- b. A smaller airfield was south of the railroad station. Flying was practiced with up to six biplanes. + +

- c. A third airfield was about three miles north of the Volga River bridge, west of the road to BEZHETSK (38°42'E, 57°47'N). This was an improvised airfield where paratroopers (18 to 22-year-old soldiers and civilians) were trained. About 10 biplanes were used for training purposes; two trainees jumped from each plane at altitudes of from 10,000 to 16,000 feet. Practice with single-seat gliders, towed by biplanes to altitudes of 2,500 to 3,300 feet and then released, was also observed. \*\*\*

2. [redacted] three airfields near KALININ [redacted]  
[redacted] there was intensive day and night flying with  
twin-engine aircraft, IL-2s and biplanes. 6

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- a. an airbase. Its occupation is reported for the first time.

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Ø b. From the intensive flying with different aircraft types observed, it is inferred that a pilot school is stationed there. This report does not indicate whether or not jet-propelled aircraft are stationed at the field.

++ c. [REDACTED] this is an improvised airfield. It was observed in March 1949 that U-2 trainers were stationed there. It is considered probable that a training unit, which either is an independent detachment or has been detached from the western airfield for primary flight training, is stationed there.

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+++ d. The northern airfield is known to be an improvised airfield. Since soldiers and civilians are trained there, it is presumably assigned to the DOSAV.

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